Information for Former Missouri Tech Students

Please check back periodically as the Department will update this site when new information becomes available.

Background – **Updated 8/6/2015**

Missouri Tech notified the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) on July 31, 2015, it was closing the St. Charles campus effective immediately. The stated reason for closure was financial.

Missouri Tech did not make prior arrangements for a teach out of currently enrolled students. The MDHE will work with students, area schools, and accrediting agencies to find solutions that allow students to transfer credits and complete their programs in a timely fashion. MDHE staff have made initial contact with some area schools to identify potential teach out/transfer partners. Students are encouraged to contact one or more of the following schools to discuss options for program completion:

- 1. DeVry University Online Only Option (866) 338-7934
- National American University 1030 Wolfrum Rd Weldon Spring, MO 63304 (8 miles from MO Tech) (636) 229-3200
- Vatterott College
 3550 W Clay St.
 St. Charles, MO 63301 (3 miles from MO Tech)
 (636) 940-4100
- 4. Art Institute (primarily Web Graphic Design) 1520 S 5th St #107 St. Charles, MO 63303 (3 miles from MO Tech) (636) 688-3010
- 5. Rasmussen College—Overland Park, KS (913) 491-7870
- American Business & Technology University—St. Joseph, MO Online Option (except Electronics Engineering) (816) 279-7000
- Concordia University-Nebraska—Seward, NE Online Option (406) 643-7233 http://bit.ly/1HrplF9
- Lindenwood University
 400 N. Kingshighway
 St. Charles, MO 63301
 (636) 949-4933
 http://www.lindenwood.edu/lead/index.html

- Ranken Technical College 4431 Finney Avenue St. Louis, MO 63113 (314) 286-4809
- 10. Vatterott College-Sunset Hills Online Option 12900 Maurer Industrial Dr. St. Louis, MO 63127 (314) 843-4200

As schools confirm their willingness to assist displaced students, this page will be updated with appropriate contact information. There may be other schools willing and able to assist who have not yet provided the MDHE with their contact information. MDHE staff encourages students to contact other accredited schools to find one that best fits their unique situation.

<u>Transcripts</u>

The MDHE is the repository for the records of Missouri Tech students. The department was able to retrieve some Missouri Tech student records from the school, although the MDHE makes no claims for having records in their entirety. Due to the abrupt nature of the school closure and lack of complete student information from school officials, the department is not able to confirm the records retrieved are complete, an issue over which the department has no control.

Missouri Tech did not provide the MDHE with up-to-date transcripts for currently enrolled students. Missouri Tech staff advised transcripts would be provided to the MDHE within two to four weeks. Please check back periodically as the department will update this section once transcripts are available.

When transcripts become available, you may contact the department to determine if we have your transcript by completing and submitting the student record verification form. Please note it may take time to sort through the records, so your patience is appreciated.

<u>Federal Student Loans</u>

It is important for all students who borrowed federal student loans to contact their <u>loan servicer</u> as soon as possible. Please review the federal student aid <u>website</u> for details on options for students whose schools have closed without executing a teach-out agreement.

If you choose to seek a discharge of your student loan, be aware that you may not be able to claim college credits earned during the term of the loan. The decision to seek loan discharge should be made carefully in consultation with your loan servicer. Please note your loan servicer will not be able to process a discharge application until official closure <u>notification</u> is received from the US Department of Education.

If you are currently making scheduled payments on your federal student loans, please continue those payments until you are directed otherwise by your loan servicer.

Private Student Loans / Credit Cards

The MDHE is aware some students paid cash or took out private loans to pay for tuition. Please retain all receipts, loan agreements, etc., that verify such payment arrangements. It may be possible for students to receive a partial refund. Please check back periodically as more information becomes available.

For students who paid tuition with credit cards, the MDHE urges students to contact the credit companies and explain the situation. Some companies may be willing to cancel the transactions. If the company requires confirmation from the MDHE, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide a letter.